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THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE EDINBURGH CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,

HELD IN
WHITEFIELD CHAPEL, CARRUBBER'S CLOSE, HIGH STREET,
Edinburgh, September 5, 1852.

T. W. BREWERTON, President.
JAMES JACK, Clerk. | F. C. ROBINSON, Reporter

EDINBURGH, Sept. 4, 1852.

The Delegates from the various branches met on the above date, according to previous appointment, in Whitefield Chapel, at Half-past Seven p.m., and gave in the monies subscribed for the various funds during the Quarter,—(see Table annexed.) Each Delegate also reported state of Branch, &c. Miscellaneous and suitable Instructions were then given, by President Brewerton, Pastor Campbell, and others, to Presidents of Branches, relative to their duties and responsibilities, &c. The Star Agent then (being requested by President) gave an account of his Agency, &c. When, after a few other matters had been talked about, the following Measures were Motioned and Carried:—

Moved by President Brewerton, Seconded by Pastor Campbell, that, in as much as this Conference is in debt to Office in Liverpool, for sundry Books, &c., that each Branch use their best endeavours during the ensuing quarter, to assist in clearing off all such arrears; so that we may stand honorable before the Presidency of the Churches in Britain.

Moved by President Brewerton, Seconded by Elder G. P. Waugh, that in as much as our Pastor, Elder Campbell, has given to Conference the monies which have been subscribed in this Conference, during quarter,—that we take up a General Subscription, for him, through all the Branches, in order to shew him that we are determined to bless him.—Monies to be sent to Edinburgh, on or before the 20th inst.

Moved by President, Seconded by Elder F. C. Robinson, that Elder W. Ritchie preside over Bathgate Branch.

Moved by President Brewerton, Seconded by Elder F. C. Robinson, that the Members who now form the Harthill Branch, be connected to the Crofthead Branch; (most of the Members having removed from Harthill.)

Moved by Pastor Campbell, Seconded by Elder G. P. Waugh, that a General Subscription be taken up, through all the Branches, for the

successors of Sister Brewerton.—Monies to be at Edinburgh, on or before the 20th inst.

The President then made some remarks on the necessity of not only making covenants, but fulfilling them; some of the Brethren not having been so energetic as they should have been, during the quarter, in carrying out measures which had been unanimously voted for, the preceding Conference.

The Meeting was then dismissed, with prayer from Pastor Campbell.

Sunday, 11 a.m., Sept. 5, 1832.

The Conference was called to order, by Elder T. W. Brewerton; prayer by Pastor Campbell.

Resolved on Motion, that Elder T. W. Brewerton preside.

Resolved on Motion, that Elder F. C. Robinson be Reporter of the proceedings of this Conference.

President Brewerton then said,—Dear Saints, I feel happy in your midst this morning, and feel inspired with confidence, in seeing so great a force of the Priesthood assembled with us in Conference; and I will venture to prophecy, that we shall reap the benefit accruing from this circumstance; and that we shall have a good time of it this day. I shall at once proceed to lay before you (and for your assent) the measures which were adopted in the Delegates' Meeting last night.

The Clerk then read over motions alluded to, which being put to the Meeting by President Brewerton, were separately sanctioned, without a dissenting voice. The Church authorities were then presented as follows:—

1st, Resolved: That we sustain President Brigham Young, and his Councillors Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, as the first Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, in all the world.

2nd, Resolved: That we sustain Father John Smith, as Presiding Patriarch.

3rd, Resolved: That we sustain the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, with Orson Hyde as President.

4th, Resolved: That we sustain S. W. Richards, as President of the Churches in Britain, with Levi Richards as his Councillor.

5th, Resolved: That we sustain Elder Robert Campbell, as Pastor of the Churches in Scotland.

6th, Resolved: That we sustain Elder T. W. Brewerton, as President of the Edinburgh Conference.

7th, Resolved: That we sustain Elder F. C. Robinson, as President of the Western District, and Elder J. Miller, as President of the Dunfermline District of Branches, of this Conference.

8th, Resolved: That we sustain Elder J. McCormie, as general Book Agent of this Conference.

9th, Resolved: That we appoint Elder F. C. Robinson, to be Conference Clerk, as James Jack is about removing to Dundee Conference.

10th, Resolved: That we sustain Elder G. P. Waugh, as Conference Treasurer.

11th, Resolved: That we sustain the various Foreign Missions.

12th, Resolved: That James Horras, Travelling Elder, be cut off from this Church, for disgracefully leaving his field of labour, and not apprising his President of the same.

The above measures were adopted unanimously; after which, the

number of Clerics present in Conference assembled, were taken, as follows :—

High Priests, 1—Sacerdotes, 1—Elders, 34—Priests, 16—Teachers, 9—Deacons, 7.

The President then laid before Conference, the general Star Agent's Account, then called on Travelling Elders, to give a report of their Districts.

Elder Miller said that his District was not in so good a condition as he could wish : that in some parts the Priesthood and Saints would not co-operate with him,—Dunfermline Branch in particular ; but added,—that he was willing to return to his field of labour, if such was the Council of the President.

Elder F. C. Robinson said that he was happy to state, that his District was in better order at the present time, than ever it had been since he took charge of it : that the Priesthood were united, and obedient to Council, and also the Saints ; and with regard to the funds, he believed that many of the Saints had done their utmost. But there were some who might have done more. Yet on the whole, the Saints were in first-rate spirits, and pregnant with the desire to sustain the Authorities, and roll on the purposes of God.

The President then spoke, in rotation, to Elder Miller and the Dunfermline Districts, and said, that it was necessary that he (Elder Miller) should have the confidence of the Saints, among whom he laboured, and that under present circumstances, he (the President) deemed it expedient, to still retain Elder Miller in Dunfermline District.

The Clerk, by request, then read over separately the Statistical and Financial Report, of the various branches.—(See Table annexed.)

Pastor Campbell being called upon, said,—Dear Saints, I am happy to meet with you on this occasion—glad to see so many of you from a distance, and bid you welcome.

When I hear, however, the affairs of the Conference, and in that your President has had to complain that there have been covenants made, and broken time after time, I feel from my heart I could weep for this people. I see some men in this Church whom we have to call Brethren ; but they are not worthy the name ; their actions do not correspond with their professions. How mean and contemptible it is, for Saints to lift up their hands before one another, and agree to do certain things, and attend Conference after Conference, and these covenants still unfulfilled ! Since I have come among you, it has been debt ! debt ! ! debt ! ! ! If the money which you have collected to help me, since I have been called to act as your Pastor, and which in your delegates' council, last night, I said should go towards liquidating your debts, is not sufficient to meet your liabilities, I shall try and get some for you through Scotland, that these trifling debts may not be rung in our ears, Conference after Conference, when we are met to hear instructions from the servants of God. If there is one noble soul in this Conference, who has means, I should be astonished if he would not feel like coming forward and redeeming it, for the sake of his own standing and his own honour ; for does not the name of a Conference go abroad either for good or bad. Well, if so, your name being associated with it, must to some extent affect you.

I do not wish to be ungrateful to the Saints for their manifestation of kindness to me. By no means. I thank you, my Brethren and Sisters. Neither do I wish to be haughty, and to look down upon you. I own my

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dependence upon you for my support while administering to you and teaching you the way of salvation. God has made his servants dependent on the people. We are all dependent on each other.

There are good people in this Conference, and those who are lawful heirs to all the salvation of God, and who I expect to be associated with in time and eternity. I shall not take up more time now, as the hour of dismissal has come; I may have another chance to speak during the day. We have Brother Samuel with us, and a host of intelligent Elders who are full of the things of God, and the necessary instruction for the onward work of the last days. May we all be blest, and enjoy this day, is my prayer. Amen.

The meeting then adjourned.

2 p.m.—Meeting called to order. Singing and prayer by President Brewerton. Pastor Campbell said,—I am thankful to the Lord that I am privileged with life and health—that I am able to be in my place among my brethren, to minister for your good and eternal interests; and although it may not be in unison with many of your feelings, to speak as I do, still I know that I speak in unison with the Spirit of God which leads us into the truth. Saints! we often speak of celestial laws, and desire to know something about them. But I can tell you that many have received about as much as ever they will get in these lands. The soil here is only blessed and made rich to a certain extent. When those who have lived up to what is given here desire more, they must be transplanted where they can grow richer in the things of God. What benefit to many, if we had more of the things of a celestial kingdom to give, when these minor laws and councils are not fulfilled, it would only be adding more condemnation upon the people. There are those who are worthy of all the salvation we have to give, and who take a pleasure in hearing the burdens which are placed upon them; such will be able to bear more, and be prepared for the things which are coming on the earth. We ought all by our present diligence and faithfulness be laying up credit for ourselves with God against the days of our trials and darkness; for the world shall be cleansed and purified by the judgments of God, and who shall be able to stand. My brethren, I rejoice in you who are living for this work. The faithful are the pride of Brigham, and the authorities in Zion; for with you Zion shall be built up, her waste and barren places converted into cities and fruitful fields, and he brought from under the curse and bondage of sin.

I would speak to you concerning your presiding and travelling elders. There is not that respect shown to them which is in accordance with their priesthood. Some fault, I am aware, lies in the officers themselves, they do not feel their dignity enough, but act with their people as though God had not put any honour upon them; they make themselves too common; every man should stand in his place, and honour that place. I am Pastor wherever I go. I wish the Saints to be taught, and have a realizing sense within them of the priesthood, for I feel that is much needed among this people.

I heard a Brother say last night he was going to baptize four into the church. I would say to the priesthood be sure you teach the candidates for baptism what are the principles that will save a man in this kingdom. Sometimes we have baptized first and then endeavoured to teach them our doctrines afterwards.

In relation to the funds, I find that Edinburgh branch has done first-rate

lately, and although it is acknowledged that many of the branches have not the same facilities that Edinburgh has, yet they might have done more than they have. We do not wish to be severe, but we wish to tell you when there is anything that can be bettered. If we did not, we should be moved out of our places. There are none of the Conferences that I know less, in relation to their financial affairs, than this; yet I know Brother Brewerton has his eye strictly after all these things.

It is in my heart to teach the people to be cleanly. In Scotland we have much need of this teaching, for many of our ways are abominable. Zion shall be a pattern of cleanliness to the world. And I would also say, respect and love the Government under which we live, so long as that Government sustains us in our rights and liberties. If we in many things can see the Government to be wrong, remember that we ourselves are wrong also in many things; and to sustain the Government under which we live is as necessary a principle as to honour the priesthood. We are a favoured people, but we do not realize it. We would have to go abroad and live under other governments, to duly appreciate this one.

You that have charge of branches act liberal, and teach your people liberal principles, then you shall have power and influence, and they shall respect your authority. We want to teach you how to become rich. But oh! how reluctant you are to do yourselves good. If you would but live so that the light and intelligence of heaven would dwell with you, you would see and understand what our desires are concerning you. I shall now give way for Elder Lyon, as I desire him to address you. May God bless you. Amen.

Elder Lyon.—Dear Brethren and Sisters, I can say that it has always afforded me pleasure in meeting with this people on occasions like the present. I was remarking last night somewhat on the character of man in this Church, and though I may observe that I feel that there are many good people in Conference assembled this day, yet, on the other hand, there are some who do not estimate themselves at the proper value; and shew me the man who neglects to take a proper estimate of the things of this kingdom, and I will shew the man that will be subject to all three curses which have been so often spoken about. But if men will pay attention to the laws which they have received from God, I know that they will realize all the good that God has destined for his faithful children; and I would say that there is nothing in this world that affords us pure pleasure but what requires seeking after; intelligence and knowledge are not obtained without an effort, neither is the intelligence received on an occasion like this merely sufficient to lead us on in this work. No! we must continue to be constantly receiving knowledge, and that through the means of those who are set over us, then let us all seek to do our every duty, and all will be well with us. There has been a great deal of teaching among the churches in Scotland concerning cleanliness. Now, this is a principle, I maintain, which has power to draw this Society at large closer together. Yet there are some people's houses (in this Church too) which are so bad, that, no sooner do you put your nose in at the door, than the dirt says "Go out." But how pleasant it is to go into a house where everything is sweet, and clean, and orderly—that is a heaven! it is there where the Holy Spirit will dwell! consequently, health, strength, and happiness. Now, we read of "Sanitary Reforms" in our national papers; and these measures are good, and they shew us that God has not altogether forsaken the nations. God will

bless those who seek to be blessed. But there are many in this Church who are not worthy of a standing in it, and only enter it to disgrace it. "They creep in unawares," and have to be carried upon our back all the time. Now, I believe in carrying valuable things, and not worthless ones. We have put many from us in Glasgow Conference who would not do right; and what has it done? Why, it has made those who are left more energetic and dutiful. You have been told by our Brother Campbell that "many of you have got as much knowledge as you will get in this country." This is true; for some of you know as much as we know, who are your teachers; and we but meet with you to inspire your hearts with a desire to go to Zion, where you may learn more of the salvation of God, and by your intelligence bind the devil. How is it that the devil has power to bind us in these lands? It is because we do not seek to obtain that power which is superior to his, and which is within our grasp. It is in Zion, then, where we shall be enabled to learn how to subdue all evil powers, and that by the intelligence poured upon us from heaven. In that land where we shall be sealed with the nobility of heaven! and which will be filled with palaces and temples built up to the Most High God! Now, will you think on these things? You each know your own position. You know whether you are clean or not, or whether your endeavours are ceaseless to promote the welfare of the kingdom of God. That you may be blest with these reflections is my prayer. Amen.

President S. W. Richards said,—I should not presume to call your attention at this juncture but for a little matter or two of business which I wish to lay before you. I have witnessed what has been done here this day; and I can safely say that my feelings are, that there is a spirit of improvement in this Conference since I was with you last. I have heard the teachings which have been given you this day, and they have been right. And, with regard to the priesthood, I would say to you that it is necessary that you should look forward to the time when you will have to be in different positions in this kingdom than those which you now occupy. But how can you fill a higher position with credit if you neglect those duties which are placed on you now? I desire to make a few remarks on business, (as this is a business day), and that in relation to book account, &c. It is my duty to look to these matters, for I am responsible, above all others, in these lands; so I must do my duty. I look to those who are intending to emigrate in January next; and when I come to consider I do not think it wise to counsel them to go at the present time, for they are those who are best able to pay. This counsel is applicable to every Church in Britain; and I advise that every Conference pay off all their book debts on or before the end of this year. The office in Liverpool is the principal depot for all the world "for our works," so it must be maintained by this people; and I say this to all presidents of Conferences in Britain. It was the policy of my predecessors to issue a great quantity of books, and a great struggle has been made to disseminate them, and many Conferences incurred debts on that account. Let the saints take up this matter and complete it, then they may "go home," for we are not to be in these lands for ever. Many are going in January. In fact in some Conferences two-thirds of their numbers are going to Zion. Well, I mean those who have money to help those who have not, and if a man has got a few pounds which he can spare or do without, let him give it to the authorities of his Conference, to be used as the president thereof may deem fit. Thus, if those who have "means" support the

friends, it will be helping those who cannot help themselves. It is reasonable for us to do what we can for our individual salvation, yet we should consult the general good of our fellows; and upon this principle depends every good end which we are desirous of obtaining. We must all be in possession of selfishness, but it must be the right sort. I am selfish when I am toiling for the salvation of others, and consequently for my own exaltation. Let this principle of selfishness become proverbial, and the spirit of God shall descend upon you. We have a beautiful instance of this selfishness in "the Valley." Men were called for by Brigham to perform a piece of work, and that without any stipulated remuneration, when some came forward for that purpose; and what was the result? why, when Brigham became acquainted with them it was not long before they had good houses prepared for them to live in, as a reward for their nobleness of soul! and this is a principle that will exalt this people and make them all powerful. Then, let us subdue every meanness, and then we shall be more fully blessed and favoured of God!

I have given these few instructions more especially to the various presidents assembled here this day, and trust they will benefit by them; and may God bless you all, my Brethren and Sisters, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Half-past 6 o'clock P.M.—When, after singing and prayer, President S. W. Richards delivered a very interesting and impressive discourse on the progress of truth, &c. After which the meeting was addressed by Elders T. M'Naughtan and P. Lynch in a brief but animated manner. The Conference was then dismissed with benediction by Pastor Campbell; and, if we might judge from the bright and happy faces of the Saints, they each and all felt the beneficial effects of the instructions and influence imparted during the day.

Dr.	STATE OF THE GENERAL BOOK AND STAR AGENT ACCOUNT.	Cr.
To Amount due to the Office at Liverpool, up to Star No. 28, vol. 14th, -	L. 73 14 2 <i>½</i>	Debt due by the Branches, including 38s. 7 <i>½</i> d., Con- ference Mission Tracts, L. 28 16 8 <i>½</i>
Audited, September 1, 1833.		Books &c. in Agents' hands, 28 15 5 <i>½</i>
T. W. BALWRIGHT, } Auditors. G. P. WATSON,		Cash in hand, - - - 8 0 0
Dr.	STATE OF CONFERENCE ARREARS.	Cr.
Amount due to Treasurer, June 6th, - - -	L. 5 0 1	By Amount donated by the Branches, since June Conference, (see Table), - - - L. 2 17 10 <i>½</i>
P. E. Fund, required to be made good to Lockgelly, B'ness, and Crafthead Branches, - - -	1 0 0	Remains to be appropri- ated to Conference purposes of Elder R. Campbell's Subscrip- tion, - - - L. 3 7 6
To Conference Mission Tracts, of 1831, due, -	1 18 7 <i>½</i>	Balance due to Treasurer, 2 5 10
	L. 8 11 2 <i>½</i>	L. 6 11 2 <i>½</i>
Amount of Collection raised on June 6th, Conference 1832, and Saints proceeds, - - - - -	- - - - -	L. 2 5 6
Given to Visiting Elders, attending Conference, - - - - -	- - - - -	2 5 0
Amount of Collection raised, September 6th, Conference, and proceeds of Concert, on the 6th, - - - - -	- - - - -	3 18 11
Given to Visiting Elders, attending Conference, - - - - -	- - - - -	3 19 0
Paid to P. E. F. for Lockgelly, B'ness, and Crafthead Branches, - - - - -	- - - - -	1 0 6
Paid Conference Mission Tracts, - - - - -	- - - - -	1 18 7 <i>½</i>

REPRESENTATION OF EDINBURGH CONFERENCE

For QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1852.

Branch.	Name of President.	Expenditure.										Balance in Bank.
		Members	Total	Expenditure on Branches	Branch Balances	Branch Balances	Expenditure on General Conference					
Edinburgh	J. M'Combie	143	170	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bathgate.....	F.C. Robinson	26	26	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Birkenhead	F.C. Robinson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clackmannan, J. Fife.....	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crofthead	A. Ringhorn	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dalkeith	H. Goli....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunfermline	J. Miller.....	13	13	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyest.....	W. M'Farlane	33	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falkirk.....	F.C. Robinson	88	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frachie.....	T. Low.....	11	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Galashiels	Hogg.....	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearthill	H. Archibald	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunterfield	J. Nibley.....	19	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kirkliston	J. Russell.....	18	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lochgelly	J. Watson.....	29	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orkney Isles	P. Sinclair.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittenweem	J. Forbes.....	14	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pension.....	T. M'Neill.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prestongrange.....	J. Smith.....	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tranent.....	T. McNeill.....	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travelling Elders.....		0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....		45 50 38 16 633 752 38 1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF THE EDINBURGH CONFERENCE

For QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1852.

Branch.	President's Contingent Fund	Elder R. Campbell's Subscription	Traveling Expenses to other Elders.										Total Devotion to all purposes.
			Conference Contingent Fund	Fund for Conference Bldg.	Traveling Expenses to other Elders.	Traveling Expenses to all purposes.	Subscribed for President's Clothing.						
Edinburgh	6	6	15	15	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	0
Bathgate	3	3	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaconsfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clackmannan	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crofthead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dalkeith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunfermline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falkirk	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frachie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Galashiels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearthill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunterfield	0	1	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0
Kirkliston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lochgelly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orkney Isles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittenweem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prestongrange	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tranent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	13	0	14	18	18	0	0	19	53	12	6	10	14